

REMARKS

The Advisory Action of November 30, 2006, and the final Office Action of September 13, 2006, have been received and reviewed.

Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the above-referenced application. Of these, claims 17, 18, 22, and 23 have been withdrawn from consideration, while claims 1-13 have been allowed, claim 24 recites allowable subject matter, and claims 14-16 and 19-21 stand rejected.

It is proposed that the subject matter of claim 24 be incorporated into independent claim 14 and that claim 24 be canceled. If entered, these amendments to the above-referenced application are made without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 14-16 and 19-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for reciting subject matter that is allegedly anticipated by the subject matter described in U.S. Patent 6,007,387 to Perino et al. (hereinafter "Perino").

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single reference which qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102. *Verdegaal Brothers v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

As noted in the final Office Action (page 5), Perino does not expressly or inherently describe that an adhesive material may secure at least one semiconductor device with a receptacle of a retainer. As such, Perino does not anticipate each and every element of independent claim 14, as proposed to be amended, as would be required to maintain the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of amended independent claim 14.

Each of claims 15, 16, and 19-21 is allowable, among other reasons, for depending either directly or indirectly from claim 14, which is allowable.

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejections of claims 14-16, and 19-21 is respectfully solicited, as is the allowance of each of these claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indication that claim 24 is allowable is gratefully acknowledged. As noted above, it is proposed that the subject matter to which claim 24 is directed be incorporated into independent claim 14, placing that claim in condition for allowance.

Entry of Amendments

It is respectfully submitted that entry of the proposed amendment to independent claim 14 and cancellation of claim 24 would eliminate any additional issues from the above-referenced application. It is further submitted that entry of these proposed amendments would not add new matter to the above-referenced application, necessitate an additional search, or raise any new issues.

In the event that the proposed amendments are not entered, their entry is respectfully solicited upon the filing of a Notice of Appeal in the above-referenced application.

Election of Species Requirement

It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 10, and 14 remain generic to all of the species of invention that were identified in the Election of Species Requirement in the above-referenced application. In view of the allowability of these claims, claims 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, and 23, which have been withdrawn from consideration, should also be considered and allowed. M.P.E.P. § 806.04(d).

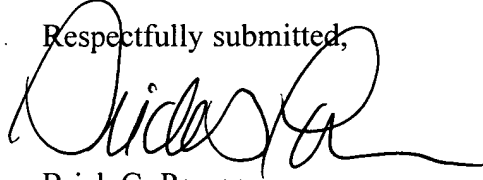
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-23 is allowable. An early notice of the allowability of each of these claims is respectfully solicited, as is an indication that the above-referenced application has been passed for issuance. If any issues preventing allowance of

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the above-referenced application remain which might be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Office is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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